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In re application of: Bass, Ralph L. Docket No. 014123-000008
Application Number: 09/721,131 Art Unit: 1616
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For: Method for Treating HIV

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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated December 17, 2001, having a three-month term for responding that expired on March 17, 2002. A Petition for a one-month Extension of Time, together with a check in the amount of \$200.00 (small entity status) for the Petition fee, is enclosed in order to extend the time for responding up to and including May 17, 2002. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject patent application in the following manner.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21 and replace with new claims 22-42 as follows:

22. (New) A method for providing sodium chloride to a human having HIV infection by administering to the upper gastro-intestinal tract of the human a selected amount of a formulation of sodium chloride, said method comprising: